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Condo plan meets resistance at meeting

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

A proposal for a new condominium development for Haliburton Village is not sitting well with some of the neighbours.

Those opposed to the project known as Wallings Way made their opinion known at a Dysart et al planning public meeting held on Aug. 2.

About a dozen people filled council chambers to speak to a zoning bylaw amendment application for the lands of Vuksic, which is the location of the proposed development.

The zoning change, if passed, would change the property from residential type 1 to urban residential type 3.

Located on Wallings Road on the shore of Head Lake, the property is the proposed site for a three-storey, 21-unit condominium project by Greystone Project Management, which has built two buildings in Haliburton and is currently constructing a condo in Minden.

The application currently includes holding provisions, which must be approved before the project can proceed, said municipal planning director Patricia Martin.

Martin told the planning committee,

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Rotary Carnival was a scream

Damon Harriss, Ava Allaire and Georgia Code had a thrilling time on the Scrambler at the Rotary Carnival Aug. 3 in Haliburton. The park was packed with excitement seekers and games lovers. See page 17 for carnival photos and page 24 for parade pics. JENN WATT Staff

Water levels to drop on some TSW feeder lakes

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Parks Canada is accelerating the drawdown on Trent Severn Waterway feeder lakes in Haliburton County as dry conditions continue this summer.

Water levels on some reservoir and flow-through lakes in the Gull and Burnt River watersheds will drop by as much as

30 centimetres by Aug. 16.

"As the extreme drought over the Trent Basin continues with no real relief in the forecast, the drawdown of the reservoirs is accelerating," reads a statement from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. "The highest drawdowns are on the lakes that have furthest above average up to this date. Both Eels and Jack's Lakes have seen major draws over the past week with multiple log pulls and significant

increases in flows. It is expected that by the end of the forecast period most reservoirs will be below average levels for this date unless we receive significant rainfall."

Rainfall in Haliburton County and throughout much of Ontario has been below average this year, with amounts 100 millimetres below average in some

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Condo would be smallest of the three in Haliburton

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which is chaired by Dysart Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts and includes councillors Walt McKechnie and Nancy Wood-Roberts, that no specific comments in favour or against the proposal had been received.



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Developer Pat Dube explained that this project would be the smallest of the three they have built in Haliburton and that there's been a great interest in the community for it.

"I think it will be successful," he said.

Realtor Peter Brady echoed those sentiments, saying the level of interest in Wallings Way exceeds the interest for Granite View and Granite Cove.

However there was a different type of interest in the project on display at the public meeting, with neighbours concerned about issues such as traffic, noise, privacy, property values.

Marilyn Hawley, who lives next door to the property, cited concerns about the influx of people moving to the quiet road, pointing out the other condominiums were built in areas that already had multi-unit dwellings.

"Haliburton has always strived to keep the village feel," she said. "We're becoming a condo town."

Hawley questioned how much more development Head Lake could handle and said more subsidized housing for seniors was required in the area.

During the meeting Roberts asked for decorum from the public, as individuals were speaking out of turn and making comments, saying she would be asking people to leave if need be.

Jim Perog questioned whether the developers are responsible for problems that may occur to wells on neighbouring properties, as he knew of an issue with a property near Granite Cove.

According to Dube, they are responsible for a 150-metre radius.

Traffic was an ongoing issue raised numerous times throughout the meeting, with nearby residents concerned about the amount, flow, direction and possible accidents at the intersection of Wallings Road and County Road 21.

"Our road is not capable of taking anymore traffic, the

road has been beat to death," said Alison Rae.

Questions around a shoulder on the road and a one-way street were raised. Perog said he's already noticed more traffic on the road since news of the condo had been announced.

In regards to traffic concerns, Brady said traffic audits at the two Greystone projects in town had been done and that according to those results, the new Wallings Way building would be decreasing the amount of traffic the MNRF building (also located on Wallings Road) currently has.

Sean Hawley said he too was worried about traffic, as well as his property value dropping by 40 to 50 per cent.

A resident of the road for 15 years, Hawley said the quiet way of life will disappear.

Brady said there wouldn't be a negative effect on property values, as these types of buildings attracted a certain type of buyer that was a desirable neighbour.

Roberts said she thinks the questions around traffic and how the entry and exit into the condo will be managed are still unclear and need to be addressed by council.

"There are lots of questions that we will get answers to," she said.

Mike Rae asked whether the name of the road would be changed to Wallings Way, to which Roberts said no.

People in attendance asked the committee to defer the zoning change.

"Wallings Road will never, ever be the same," said Alison Rae. "If you were living next door to it yourself you would understand where we're coming from. There are other places to build these condos. Not in town on our beautiful, quaint lake."

The committee deferred the zoning change for the lands of Vuksic to get clarification on the issues raised.

"This gives time for more discussion," said Roberts.

The file will come back at the Sept. 6 public meeting.

Residents advised to keep an eye on boats, docks and water lines

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places.

Residents on affected lakes will want to keep an eye on their boats, docks, water lines, etc.

In Algonquin Highlands, Boshkung and Maple lakes in particular have a tendency to be adversely affected by low waters, boats sometimes getting beached.

Numerous lakes in Haliburton County are part of the system that feeds water into the Trent Severn Canal, which stretches 386 kilometres from Lake Ontario near Trenton to Port Severn on Lake Huron.

Water level management updates can be found on the Parks Canada website at <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lnh-nhs/on/trentsevern/plan/point-gestion-eau-water-management-updates.aspx>

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Highlands East to support youth at SPARC

Two young people will be sponsored by the municipality to attend symposium in Haliburton County

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Aug. 8 meeting of Highlands East council.

Highlands East will be sponsoring two youth to attend an upcoming symposium hosted by the Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC) initiative.

Set to be held at the end of this October in Haliburton, the symposium marks the second event for the SPARC initiative, said Fay Martin during a presentation to council.

Martin asked councillors if they would consider sponsoring two youth, age 16 to 30, at a cost of \$200 each, which would cover their entire attendance at the symposium.

The event supports those in the performing arts in Haliburton and across the country, with a goal of creating a network to share and discuss ideas, meet people and more.

"It's a really good investment," said Martin.

Council passed a resolution approving the sponsorship.

Bark lake fire update

More than a month after a big blaze occurred at Bark Lake Leadership Centre, the cause of the incident is still unknown.



Bingo benefits Visible Voices

Canoe FM presents a \$6,092 donation to Visible Voices Open Arts Studio on Aug. 2 outside the radio station. The money represents 50 per cent of the proceeds from the station's annual bingo fundraiser from the past 26 week period. Visible Voices will be using the funds for programming and heating costs. Other organizations that have benefited from bingo include the local food banks, HHOA, Youth Unlimited, Minden Community Kitchen and more. More than \$23,000 has been dispersed throughout the community. The next fundraiser is for Fuel for Warmth. Front row from left, Canoe FM bingo chairwoman Pat Barry, Visible Voices founder and arts facilitator Fay Wilkinson, Canoe FM president Lorne McNeil, Canoe FM station coordinator Roxanne Casey. Second row from left, Canoe FM board member Tim Hagarty, Visible Voices secretary and outreach co-ordinator Stella Voisin and Visible Voices committee member and expressive arts facilitator Mark Shroetter. Back row from left, Canoe FM vice-president Ron Evans and Canoe FM volunteer Bob Stiles.

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Fire chief Bill Wingrove reported to council that the fire, which affected three buildings, is still under investigation.

Wingrove said they are waiting for results from the forensics centre.

"I think the results are going to come back undetermined," he said.

Places for People moving in?

A property under consideration for a zoning bylaw amendment could be a Places for People residence.

Described as a vacant residential lot, the property owner is hoping to convert the one-storey home into a two-unit dwelling.

The property is on Holmes Road in Wilberforce. The application was accepted.

Boundary road agreement approved

An agreement between Highlands East and the municipality of Minden Hills over Line Drive Road, which is a

boundary road, has been established.

The agreement garnered much discussion at the July meeting of council, when Councillor Cec Ryall said he wasn't in favour as it was an unnecessary piece of legislation.

According to CAO/treasurer Shannon Hunter's report to council, both Highlands East and Minden Hills agreed to the installation of a fence on the road, which is classified as a Class 6 road.

Currently the municipality of Minden Hills is responsible for winter maintenance of the road and Highlands East does not maintain the road.

"As council is aware any work, agreements, etc. requires both Minden Hills and Highlands East agreement," wrote Hunter in her report.

"The boundary agreement will provide the legal framework for Minden Hills to continue to provide winter maintenance on Line Drive Road."

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the agreement.

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Agriculture fair connects community to the farm

Lacey Piper, centre, and Ayden Chapman, right, take in a sheep hair spinning demonstration by John Jamieson at the annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair on Aug. 6. Held at the fairgrounds in Wilberforce, the weekend event included a dog show, tractor parade, live animals, horse drawn wagon rides, entertainment, kids’ games, face painting and more. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Vandalism committed sometime between late Friday, Aug. 5, and Saturday morning, Aug. 6, in Head Lake Park, resulted in the Rails End Gallery cart being destroyed, seen here. A picnic table was also destroyed, and some were turned upside down. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

OPP investigating vandalism in Head Lake Park

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Vandalism that occurred sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning in Head Lake Park left a decorative cart belonging to Rails End Gallery destroyed, along with some picnic tables. The OPP were notified of the incident on Saturday, Aug. 6, by staff at Rails End Gallery and by the municipality of Dysart et al. According to a media release issued by the OPP, the damage is estimated at \$1,500. The OPP are searching for suspects or anyone with information about what happened. Anyone with info can contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Large amount of firewood stolen

On Thursday, Aug. 4, Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a call for a theft of a large quantity of cut and split firewood in the area of Elephant Lake Road in Dysart et al. The wood was stolen sometime between July 17 and Aug. 4. The estimated value of the wood is between \$12,000 and \$13,000. Anyone with information is asked to Contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



Above, seven-year-old Corson Rathwell from Regina holds a bunny he named snowball at the annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair on Saturday, Aug. 6.



The light horse draw, seen here, and heavy horse draw drew an audience.



Bottom right, Barbara Anderson from Oshawa took home first place for her cabbage at the fair. There were many prizes given out for vegetables, baked goods, canned preserves and more.



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HHHS receives \$819,640

Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be improving its infrastructure with a chunk of money from the provincial government.

Last week, MPP Jeff Leal's office announced HHHS will receive \$819,640 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund, set-up by the provincial government to keep hospitals in "good repair," according to a release.

Dave Bonham, chairman of the HHHS board, said on Friday that the money will be used at both hospital and long-term care sites: Minden and Haliburton.

Sidewalks and flooring will be fixed up using the funds, he said.

In 2016-17, the government is spending some \$175 million on repairs across the

province at 135 hospitals.

"With this important funding, our government is working to ensure that we are building a health care system across Ontario that delivers faster access to services and a sustainable system that will be there for the people in Eastern Ontario in the future," said Leal in the release. "Making these necessary investments in our hospitals is part of our commitment to put patients first by ensuring that they get the high-quality health care they need — when they need it."

Leal is the minister responsible for rural affairs in the Liberal government and he is MPP for the riding of Peterborough.

- Jenn Watt

From a European opera house to St. George's Anglican

ANGELA LONG

Staff Reporter

When packing for Europe, don't forget your ball gown. Opera singer Lauren Margison always packs hers "just in case" she says while on break from Highlands Opera Studio. You never know when you might become a finalist in an international singing competition at one of Europe's most prestigious opera houses — the Nuremberg State Theatre — and asked to perform two arias.

On July 26, Margison was chosen as one of 12 finalists in the inaugural Meistersinger von Nürnberg singing competition launched this year in Germany.

The contest was open to singers of any nationality between the ages of 18 and 35 in the general category, and up to 45 in the German-themed category. Organizers received hundreds of recordings from singers all over the world, inviting a fraction of the applicants to audition in Paris, Hamburg, Moscow, Stockholm, Nuremberg and Toronto. Margison made the list, auditioning with nearly 40 other singers in Toronto at the end of April.

At the age of 24, Margison was one of the youngest of 88 singers to finally walk through the doors of Nuremberg State Theatre on July 23. After the preliminaries and semifinals, Margison was the youngest to make it to the finals.

In an interview with a representative of the German press, the competition's jury president, Prof. Siegfried Jerusalem, says opera singers require a "certain maturity" to sing well.

"You don't achieve maturity through singing lessons at high school, it evolves from singing on stage," he says.

Margison, it seems, is an exception. As the daughter of famed opera tenor Richard Margison and stage director and violinist Valerie Kuinka, and founders of Haliburton's Highlands Opera Studio, Margison attributes her voice's maturity to her "unique experience growing up."

"I've been going to see opera since I was in the womb," she says.

From the six arias selected by Margison, the jury chose two for her to perform in her black satin ball gown.

Now Margison was standing in a "quintessentially European opera house" with "gorgeous gold filigree" glittering and the Nuremberg Philharmonic Orchestra warming up behind her. "It was scary," she says, but also exhilarating.

She sang Puccini, Mozart. It was the moment she knew she'd received the "stamp of approval" from one of the most illustrious juries in the world of opera.

She knew her days of making sandwiches for students of the Highlands Opera Studio were finally over. This month, she will sing her "first actual lead of all time," she says, as Marguerite in HOS's production of *Faust*. "I guess I've come up in the world," she laughs.

Lunch break is almost over and Margison will return to St. George's Anglican Church to practice a love duet. It's not the Nuremberg State Theatre, but she would rather be here than anywhere else.

A cottager of the Haliburton Highlands her entire life, she says, "I love big cities, but this is where my heart calls out to."

Margison sings her heart out at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Thursday Sept. 1 for *Faust*. For tickets and more information: www.highlandsopeastudio.com.

Homelessness count begins

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Are you couch surfing? Living in a shelter? Homeless?

The 20,000 Homes Campaign would like to hear from you.

The City of Kawartha Lakes, which is the social and housing services provider for both the City and the County of Haliburton, is joining the 20,000 Homes Campaign, a program that aims to house 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable people by July 1, 2018.

That process will involve undertaking a homelessness count in both municipalities, which will begin in August.

There are various categories of homelessness, from the unsheltered — people living out on the street, or in places not designed for human habitation — to the emergency sheltered to the provisionally accommodated — those who have found temporary lodging with others.

The goal locally is to house 24 vulnerable people through a Housing First program by July 1, 2018.

Those in precarious housing situations are invited to take a survey, which will take about 10 minutes to fill out.

There are numerous locations in the county where the survey can be filled out, Monday, Aug. 22 through Wednesday, Aug. 24.

In Minden, people can visit the YWCA on Bobcaygeon Road, FourCAST, the John Howard Society, Mental Health Services and the Minden Food Bank. Those locations can be visited all three days of the survey, with the exception of the food

bank on Tuesday, Aug. 23, as it will be closed.

In Haliburton village, the survey can be filled out at the social services offices on Maple Avenue during all three days of the survey.

Surveys will also be available at the 4Cs on Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In Cardiff, the survey will be available at the food bank from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23 and in Wilberforce, from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

The branches of the Haliburton County Public Library will also be locations for the survey. The Cardiff, Gooderham, Highland Grove and Minden branches can be visited Tuesday, Aug. 23 at various times.

At the Cardiff branch, the survey will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.; at the Gooderham branch from 6 to 8 p.m.; at the Highland Grove branch from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and the Minden branch from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Aug. 24, the Dorset, Dysart, Stanhope and Wilberforce branches will be survey sites. The Dorset branch can be visited between 3 and 5 p.m.; Dysart between 5 and 7 p.m.; Stanhope between 1 and 3 p.m.; and the Wilberforce branch between 5 and 7 p.m.

There will also be a survey event at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Invergordon Avenue on Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. and one in Head Lake Park in Haliburton later that day, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Those who take part in the survey will receive a \$5 gift card for Tim Hortons.

For more information, visit 20kHomesCKLH@gmail.com.



Three-car collision

A vehicle is towed from the scene of a three-vehicle collision on Hwy. 118 the evening of Aug. 3. Municipality of Dysart et al fire chief Mike Iles was one of many emergency responders at the scene of a three-vehicle collision. The accident occurred at approximately 5 p.m. on Hwy. 118 west of Harburn Rd. in front of Sears. Two of the involved parties were treated and released from hospital, according to a Haliburton Highlands OPP press release. The accident was caused when a turning vehicle was struck from behind. Police have charged a 17-year-old male from Minden with following at too closely. ANGELA LONG Staff

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Homeless count needed

HALIBURTON COUNTY and City of Kawartha Lakes are examining an important and often overlooked issue in rural Ontario: homelessness.

During the week of Aug. 22, a count of homeless people in the two municipalities will be undertaken to gauge the scope of the issue with the intention of housing some 24 people by July 1, 2018.

The initiative is part of the 20,000 Homes campaign, modelled after a successful project in the States, which housed more than 105,000.

Part of the count will be looking at those who are homeless in a less traditional sense – those who are couch surfing, for example, or who are living in facilities without prospects of housing when they leave.

The count will assess risk levels and determine which people need housing the most urgently.

This is crucially important because in rural areas those facing homelessness seldom have the “look” of someone without a place to sleep. We don’t regularly see people sleeping under bridges or in lobbies of 24-hour institutions. It’s uncommon to see someone walking down the street with all of his possessions on his back, looking for assistance.

In the county, part of the reason could be because those who need emergency shelter usually go to Lindsay. Others find temporary accommodations, but they are far from being secure.

In fact, 20 per cent of homeless people seeking financial assistance

from the Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Housing Help Centre last year came from this county.

The brilliant part of this most recent endeavour is its focus on getting housing done first.

As was noted by Hope Lee in her presentation to council back in March about the 20,000 Homes campaign, initiatives in the past have made housing provision contingent upon completing other hurdles such as addiction or mental health therapy.

This approach, aptly called “Housing First,” puts the emphasis where it belongs: on getting people into secure accommodations and then putting together the other pieces.

It makes sense – how can you address something as complex as mental health concerns when you’re stressed about finding somewhere to live? How could you focus on kicking an addiction if you were simultane-

ously worried about being kicked out of your brother-in-law’s guest bedroom?

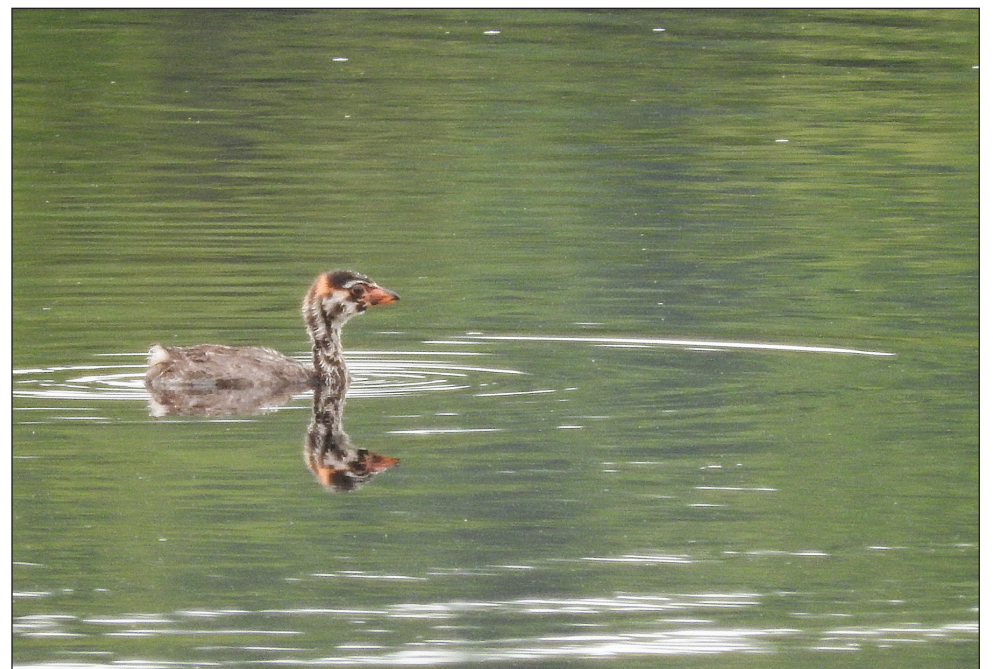
The local goal of housing some 24 people in the next year and a half is relatively modest. However, the work being done in assessing the larger picture of homelessness – not just the numbers, but what it really looks like on the ground – will prove invaluable in digging into the issue in years to come.

(Those wishing to participate in the homelessness survey can find details on page 5. Participants receive a \$5 Tim Hortons gift card. You can also email 20kHomesCKLH@gmail.com for details.)



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Editorial



Baby grebe

by Belinda Gallagher

Play in the Park

COME TO TOWN TUESDAYS!

Kids, come and join the staff from the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Dysart Recreation to Play in the Park at 2 p.m. across from the information caboose at Head Lake Park. Each week has a different theme! Come to Town Tuesdays for the Haliburton Farmers’ Market, Music in the Park, the display of antique cars, free tours of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and, of course, to support our local stores, restaurants and businesses.

Haliburton County Farmers’ Market, Antique Car Display, Heritage Happenings continue in August. On Wednesday and Friday morning kids aged six to 12 are invited to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for fun activities based on our local history and heritage! They might play historical games, create an old-fashioned treat, do a craft inspired by the past, learn about old-time trades or even do some archaeology! Different activities every day! No need to pre-register – just show up and get in on the fun!

Also in August, the Highlands Summer Festival presents *Fallen Angels* and *Miss Caledonia*. To order tickets call 705-457-9933. The Haliburton Outboard Power Boat Races are back this year Aug. 19 to Aug. 21. Watch the sanctioned power boat races on Head Lake. Friday night come out and meet the racers and take a look at the boats. Saturday and Sunday the races run all day. Stop by and support the Hospital Auxiliary and the

Lions Club. There will be food, beverages and raffles.

Looking ahead to ColourFest, Saturday, Oct. 1 and sending out call out for buskers, street performers and plein air artists. A buskers’ festival will be an important part of ColourFest 2016. The ColourFest committee will even give you a “kick start” honorarium for your participation. Open to all ages. For more information, please contact Andrea Mueller at amueller@dys-artetal.ca or Gail Stelter at haliburton-bia@mail.com.

A second ColourFest call out for non-profit community groups who would like to be part of the festival. To date, the Haliburton and District Lions Club is bringing its famous BBQ; the Haliburton Rotary Club is promising the best Pumpkin Rolling Contest ever held; the Haliburton Time Travellers Car Club is expecting over 100 classic cars to participate; and, Youth Unlimited will be back with an awesome Kids

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points of view

Watching the trailer

SOME PEOPLE like to watch a full movie in the summer. I happen to prefer watching trailers. The other day was a prime example why. I was fishing for bass on a big local lake when, suddenly, it started raining and was threatening to rain even harder.

In situations like this, I always worry about the weather ruining my perm, so I bee-lined for the boat launch, which was a straight run about a mile across the lake. Since I was in my little tin boat powered by my four-horse, I estimated I'd get there in six to eight hours.

Luckily, I had entertainment on hand to keep me occupied. You see, there was this guy at the launch, trying to back up his trailer – and apparently he was very new at it.

He put on quite a show too.

First, he jackknifed left. Then, he jackknifed right. At one point I believe he decided to take a roundabout route by actually doing a U-turn and backing the trailer away from the water towards Bancroft in a direct route through the woods. This was odd, since the ramp was much closer to Haliburton.

If you have never watched something like this before, let me tell you it is riveting stuff. You get drawn right into the story and you feel for the characters involved. By the 123rd attempt, I was actually rooting for the fellow. I laughed, I cried, and stood and cheered him on when he somehow narrowly missed my SUV and trailer as well as several other vehicles which were parked far away from water.

As trailers go, this one was a real cliff hanger too. And I mean that in the truest sense – at one point I thought he was going to back it off



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over a small cliff. Honestly, Helen Keller would have done a better job.

In short, the suspense was killing me and I couldn't wait to see how it turned out.

But I'll have to though.

You see as soon as I got within 150 yards of the ramp, he saw me coming and then drove forward and parked along the side of the ramp, even though this ramp had plenty of room for three boats to launch.

When I landed, he walked towards me and I almost applauded but decided against it, since the driver was, apparently, still in character.

He looked at me and said, "I'm trying to decide whether to leave my boat in the water and go fishing or take it home. Think this storm is going to pass?"

My immediate thought was that by the time he actually got his trailer in the water, autumn would pass. But, I have learned in situations like these some things are best left unsaid.

"I guess you need to use the ramp now," he said. "So I'll wait."

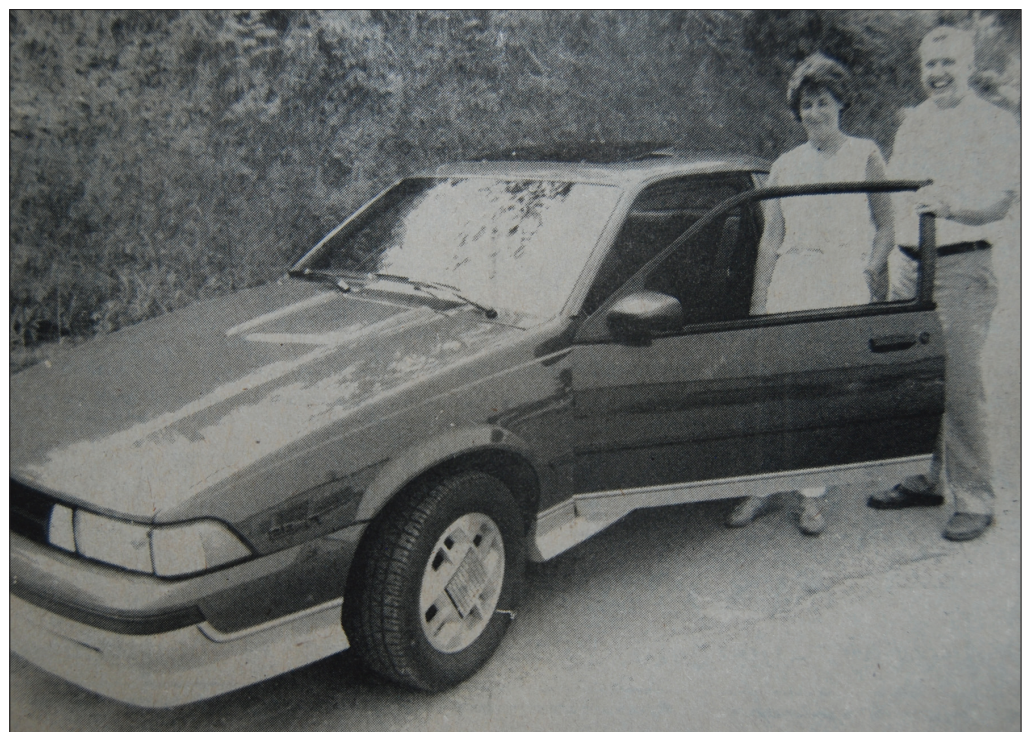
"You don't have to," I replied. "There's plenty of room for both of us."

"I'll wait!" he said, rather tersely.

So I backed up my trailer, loaded up my boat, secured everything and drove up the ramp where it was presumably safe. Then I pretended to check my trailer and waited to see how it all ended.

That man, however, remained in his car and refused to back up in front of an audience. So, I put my popcorn away and drove off and for all I know he is still there – or in Bancroft by now.

I'm hoping those folks who create reality shows catch onto this, because in my experience, this was far more entertaining than anything the Kardashians have ever done. Heck, if you could get the Kardashians to back up boat trailers, you might even turn their show into something that approaches entertainment. I could see it now, Backing up with the Kardashians. It makes perfect sense. I hear they like to show off their back sides anyhow.



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past is from the Echo's archives. In 1988, the Rotary Car Draw was won by Cheryl Russell of Haliburton. She was the lucky winner of a Chevy Cavalier Z24. With her is Don Popple, then president of the Rotary Club.

letters to the editor

Electoral reform – keep it simple

To the Editor,

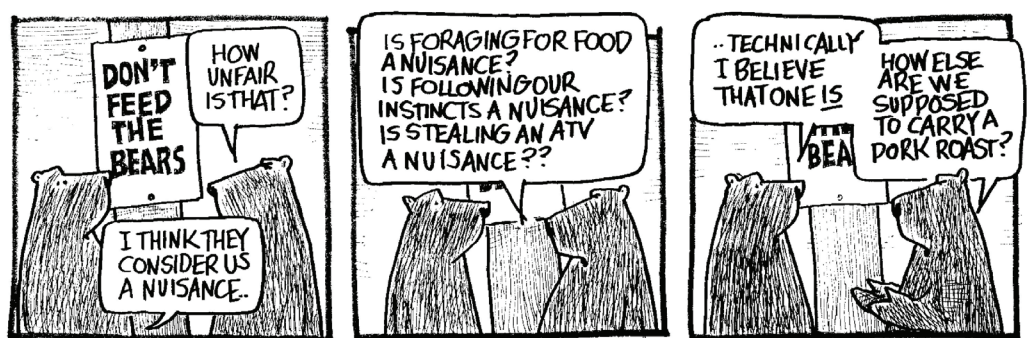
In last year's election campaign, the Liberal party's promise was that the next election would not use the first past the post system. This system is known to distort the representation of voters' wishes in such a way that majority governments in Parliaments using this system frequently represent only a minority of voters. We call our method of government representative democracy and it has taken many centuries for countries claiming to have democratic governments to actually complete the transitions from monarchies and other generally despotic regimes. This election promise is yet another step in these transitions in that if Parliament is to be truly representative, the percentages of Members of Parliament representing the groups of voters with differing opinions should closely match the the percentages of voters in those groups. These groups of voters are, of course, what we know as political parties and perhaps too often we refer to them as the "good

guys" and "bad guys." I am keen to point out the significance of this step and its relationship to some history that I and my family have been involved in during the most recent two centuries of development of representative democracies.

An earlier step along this road was taken about 150 years ago when in 1872 the British government legislated secret ballots during elections. Canada followed in 1874 and we have likely forgotten that in our present polling stations, no representations of political parties are allowed. The only representation of political party allegiance is on the ballot forms. This step was brought home to me when visiting the town of my birth in Northern Ireland, Dungannon, I read an old newspaper cutting in our host's basement about an election in 1874. Our host was a family member of my father's employer and an ancestor, Thomas Dickson, merchant, of the Liberal party, was elected in 1874 over the Tory candidate nomi-

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Who we elect and how has major implications

from page 7

nated by the Earl of Ranfurly. The cutting described that in earlier elections at open gatherings, the Earl had hired help (aka thugs) present to ensure the desired result. To note the connection between Northern Ireland and Haliburton, the Orange Order which I remember from my youth in Dungannon has quite a local history, currently displayed in the museum. Also, the township of Dungannon just south of Bancroft was named only a few years earlier. Secret ballots have been introduced into almost all countries now, but it has taken most of a century to happen.

An even earlier family involvement in government actions was studied by my late sister. This was our great-great grandfather (maybe even three greats) who was Lord Mayor of the City of Lincoln in the mid 1800s. This was the time when both national and municipal governments were ensuring the mundane job of building sewers got done and our great-great grandfather was recognized by Lincoln's citizens as having achieved much of this job during his time as mayor. The technological development of superior optical

microscopes had shown to the biological and medical scientists that the days of calling "Gardez l'eau" were over, when the emptying of buckets of excrement onto the open drains in streets was usual. This was the beginning of the triumphs of governmental developments in public health. As an example relevant to today, we have only to consider the situation in Rio de Janeiro where untreated sewage may affect Olympic water sports events. Better representations in governments are clearly important for these sorts of triumphs to occur. The narrow views of political parties shown in "We have won, we're better than the other guys!" get in the way of real progress in the quality of life.

Continuing my theme that most actions by governments towards improving the quality of life can be directly attributed to truly broad support by voters, a comprehensive study of the effects of using the several different voting systems by Dennis Pilon (The Politics of Voting, Emont Montgomery Publications Ltd. 2007) concludes that the differences in effectiveness between the systems leading to a closer match of percentages of MPs to voters' party preferences are much smaller than the differences between any of them

and first past the post. He has researched governments in many countries which have changed since about 1900 to one or other system which results in closer matching of percentages. The Liberal party's platform that last year's election will be the last using that system I deem as very wise and I am encouraged that the parliamentary committee set up to recommend what action to take is constituted of MPs in rough proportion to voter preferences during the election and not, as is usual, in proportion to the counts of MPs of each party.

On top of the detailed discussions about voting which I am sure we will be having, in this year of 2016 there have been probably too many examples of the effects of leaders and potential leaders on political party fortunes. These examples are better left to the humour columns of the gutter press and I hope we can concentrate on achieving a closer match between voter preferences in elections and representation based on the counts of MPs in Parliament.

Peter Brogden
Haliburton

Fireworks display spectacular

To the Editor,

I would like to thank and compliment the Rotary Club for the spectacular fireworks display toward the end of their carnival this year.

I suggest donations be made next year to assist with the costs and maybe even expand the light and sound show over our lake.

I am sure this carnival encourages people to come into the village and spend money at various businesses. Just a suggestion and thanks again, Rotarians.

Gerald Irish
Haliburton



Fire at Calico Rd

Haliburton firefighters put out a fire at 1203 Calico Road on Aug. 8 at approximately 2:30 p.m. The incident took place at a local manufacturing business and appears to be the result of a piece of processing equipment catching fire, said Dysart fire chief Mike Iles.

There was no structural damage, as the fire was contained to one room.

Estimated cost of the damage was about \$10,000, according to Iles. No one was injured. "Everyone was out safely," he said. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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Early Stages: life lessons on stage and off

ANGELA LONG

Staff Reporter

The name of the game says it all: Atoms. "Coming together as big clumps, or as tiny individuals," director of Highlands Summer Festival Scot Denton says.

Atoms is a favourite improv game of the students at Early Stages – a month-long theatre apprenticeship program held in conjunction with the Highlands Summer Festival.

"I want to see a wedding cake," instructor Beth Robertson says.

Fourteen students aged 10 to 14 break into groups. They crouch, they climb, they touch palms. Denton and the other instructor, James Frantowski, watch from the sidelines.

"As a giant group," says Robertson, "I want to see a farm."

One student becomes a tractor, another a fence. Three boys contort their features, mooing and oinking until the upper level of the Haliburton Highlands Museum – home of Early Stages since the beginning of July – almost starts to smell like hay.

It's these acts of transformation, big or small, that Early Stages can spark. But it's more than that, says Denton.

"It's learning you have your own journey through the things that happen to you," he says.

Improv is a tool where you learn to

overcome difficulties, work as a team. "If you're a performer you can't calculate everything that's going to happen."

At Robertson's command, the students freeze into position, mouths puckered, arms crooked.

"As two groups, I want to see a pizza parlour," she says.

Dough flips and twirls into the air. A patron sniffs in anticipation. An oven opens its doors.

Robertson orders another wedding cake, then a giant face.

"I'll be an eyebrow," says one of the students.

It's clear this isn't a singing and dancing camp, a music-theatre camp. Denton calls it "an experience camp."

Some of the students lie on the ground, arching toward one another, fingertips touching. Others scrunch into balls. They seem to intuit rather than discuss what's next. It's past their lunch time, but no one shows signs of wanting to go anywhere but deeper into the contours of what appears to be a smile.

"Hold it!" says Robertson and the smile doesn't waver.

For three days a week, four weeks a year, Denton and the two instructors he hires each season, endeavour to create a space where kids can feel safe to explore their creativity, as individuals and as part of a team. Usually, Denton employs leads from a Highlands Summer Festival production – Robertson played Nancy in *Oliver!*, Frantowski played her murderer, Bill Sykes.



"As a giant group, I want you to make a face," says actor/vocalist/choreographer Beth Robertson, one of the teachers of Early Stages. The month-long apprenticeship theatre program for local 10- to 14-year-olds is an initiative of director Scot Denton and forms part of the many offerings of the Highlands Summer Festival. This improv game, called Atoms, is one of Robertson's favourites. ANGELA LONG Staff

This year, half the Early Stages students also acted in *Oliver!* – as workhouse boys and girls and members of Fagin's gang.

The experience of working alongside their instructors in a play, says Denton, watching while he directs Robertson and Frantowski, shows the students that acting is something "we're passing on together."

Teamwork is the secret weapon of any good actor, says Denton, no matter how alone they may appear on stage. Improv is one method to teach this skill, essential to the success of an actor, and, one might argue, life.

Thirteen-year old Alex Elliott, a life-long Haliburton Highland cottager who has been attending Early Stages since he was 10, has already learned this lesson. He brings his sandwich over to the table where his teachers sit for lunch.

"It's good for kids to learn about the skills required in acting," he says, "but I don't think it's essential to learn how to act. Teamwork, improvisation, those types of stuff. They're skills you'll have to use all through your life and I think it's good to learn them."

Elliott says he's better at having conversations now, a side effect of his Early Stages training.

"We talk a lot about the 'Yes, and' principle," he says and gives an example. "Say I ask you to go waterskiing and you don't want to go. You could say 'Yes, and I'll spot you'," instead of just saying no, I don't want to go."

Frantowski, who began his acting career at the age of four when he starred in *Frosty the Snowman*, explains the importance of "yes, and" rather than "no, but."

"No kills a scene," he says. "Improv is a living, breathing thing that constantly needs to be fuelled."

There's no shortage of fuel in the Haliburton Highlands. Denton, who brings over 20 years of teaching experience at Sheridan College and a stellar list of acting and directing credits to the Highlands Summer Festival, recognized this years ago when he first came to the area. Since directing *Within Reach* in 2012, starring seven young women from the area, he saw

the potential of the arts-infused community.

"It's wonderful to have kids on the stage," he says. "Everyone loves to see them and they learn so much about responsibility."

When he developed Early Stages in 2014, he wanted to create something with "less structure than a production but the same sort of opportunity."

The students attend all Highlands Summer Festival productions. They receive vocal training, participate in team-building exercises, play improv games. They discuss theatre and current events. Before playing Atoms, they discussed the Syrian refugee crisis. Discussing the world-at-large encourages exploration beyond the individual, says Denton. Students imagine how it must feel to be a refugee, for example, further stoking their imaginations.

On Aug. 3, the last day of class, the students performed a theatrical piece based on the journey of the Syrian refugee family expected to arrive in Haliburton this summer.

Robertson, who will be returning to Oakville after the performance, says, "I've been blown away by how creative they are, especially when talking about a serious topic like the refugee crisis. We don't always trust kids to form opinions, but here we give them the opportunity to speak."

Trust is an important word here.

"You have to feel like you're part of the team, that you can take risks," says Frantowski. "Sometimes I just act like an idiot. I try to be myself, and show them it's OK to do that. It's important not to take yourself too seriously."

Denton laughs. "It's my job to do that," he says. "Somebody has to watch the clock."

He looks at his watch. Fifteen minutes until lunch is over. But the students have already begun to clump together – twirling, arching, improvising. Denton watches. Smiles.

"Look," he says. "Just look at them."

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Micah Aldom lets Jackie the snake rest on his shoulders at the Lakeside Baptist Church Vacation Bible School on Aug. 4. This year the theme was Wilderness Escape, and the camp ran from Aug. 1 to 5 with more than 100 kids and approximately 40 volunteers. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

VBS takes kids out into the wilderness

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Children of all ages in Haliburton got a taste of the outdoors last week as they went on a wilderness escape at Lakeside Baptist Church for the annual vacation Bible school.

Held from Aug. 1 to 5, more than 100 campers age four to 10 participated in the VBS program, which had a theme of survival and adventure this year.

"We wanted to connect it to the Haliburton wilderness," said co-ordinator Rebeka Borgdorff, "and make it more modern."

There were approximately 40 volunteers assisting with the program, including preteen and teenagers who helped out as counsellors, said Borgdorff.

The theme of the week was "God guides and provides," with different messages each day, including "God gives us strength, He gives us what we need and He is with us."

Borgdorff said the campers are taught key elements of survival with the use of items such as a compass, walking stick, shelter, food and water.

Each day the program starts with singing and then groups break off to do various activities including crafts, games, outdoor play, a Bible story station and snack.



Eight year old Ava Code gets creative and paints a picture in Fern's Forest Fort at Lakeside Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School.

In the afternoon the VBS headed out in the community for field trips which included the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Cowling farm, Medeba and the Haliburton Wolf Centre.

Borgdorff says the camp has been going really well and every year it grows.

At just \$10 a day, the VBS provides affordable programming for the community.

"We [Lakeside] are really wanting to provide something for the community," she said.

This year VBS partnered with outside organizations such as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Outdoors Plus and the Cowan family, who donated items such as the taxidermy animals to help create the atmosphere of a outdoor forest.

Lakeside offers a Wednesday evening program throughout the year that includes a free dinner and program for children and their families.



Campers get creative in the mud kitchen in Fern's Forest Fort at the Lakeside Baptist Church Vacation Bible School on Aug. 4. This year the theme was Wilderness Escape, and the camp ran from Aug. 1 to 5 with more than 100 kids and approximately 40 volunteers.



Children gather in Moses's Tent to hear him tell them about the Bible at the Lakeside Baptist Church Vacation Bible School on Aug. 4.

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ANGELA LONG

Staff Reporter

All you need is love, sang John Lennon. And maybe a video or two. Two local businesswomen have made dozens, believing “go local” is more than just a slogan. It’s a commitment.

ReMax’s Haliburton Real Estate Team, mother and daughter duo Linda and Nicole Baumgartner, love Haliburton County so much they’ve spent thousands promoting its independent businesses and attractions. They’ve spent days driving to the four corners of the county, changing outfits in local bathrooms or in the backseat of the car between shoots.

“Mom and I had our travelling suitcases,” says Nicole. “It was ‘Hi, can I use your bathroom to change?’ when we showed up.”

On July 31, their last video in the 30 Days of Summer series was released, recapping a month of experiences ranging from horseback riding to tart eating to paddle boarding.

“We learned exactly why we love it here,” says Nicole.

They also learned there is always something to learn.

“Whether you’ve never been here before, or are new to the area, or have lived here all your life – there’s probably something you don’t know about the region,” says Nicole.

The duo learned Kosy Korner is the biggest consumer of eggs for an independent restaurant in Ontario. They learned you can camp at Minden Wild Water Preserve and throw pots at Blackbird Pottery.

After 28 years in real estate, Linda says she has a reputation for “aggressive advertising.” But the 30 Days of Summer series, a continuation of 15 Days of Winter, is something different.

“It’s not about us selling us,” says Linda. “It’s about the area.”

Nicole nods in agreement. “We aren’t trying to get a listing out of this,” she says. “That’s not what we went out searching for.”

In a world where everything seems to come with a price tag, Pasi Posti of Positive Media, producer of the series, says there’s a new shift in marketing – one that involves less selling and more sharing.

“We are tired of being sold things,” says Posti. Instead, people want stories. “Everyone loves a good story,” he says. “And they love watching videos.”

Shot on location, the 30 Days of Summer stories are short – two to four minutes long – and showcase both the well known, such as Baked and Battered, and the lesser known such as the James



Mother and daughter team Nicole Baumgartner, left, and Linda Baumgartner survey the view from the top of James Cooper Lookout Trail, the location of Day 27 of their 30 Days of Summer video series produced by Pasi Posti of Positive Media Productions. The Baumgartners, part of ReMax’s Haliburton real estate team, financed the project to promote the best of their beloved Haliburton County. Photo by Pasi Posti

Cooper Lookout Trail. Posti, the Baumgartners, the rest of the Haliburton Real Estate Team, the viewers – all played a part in choosing which locations to showcase, says Linda. They chose based on activity, “not just restaurants,” says Linda, and location.

“We didn’t want to promote just Haliburton,” says Linda. “We really wanted to promote the whole county.”

Posti says there were so many places to choose from “we could create a video for every day of the year.”

The Baumgartners came up with the idea for the series while attending a video boot camp at ReMax’s head office in Mississauga last summer. A few other agents had started showcasing their communities and the Baumgartners recognized a need to do the same.

“People aren’t sure about what area they want to be in,” says Linda. “They always ask us Why Haliburton? What’s there to do in Haliburton?”

As vice president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, member of Dysart et al economic development committee, and resident of Haliburton County since 1987, Linda is well aware of the area’s gems.

“Now I’m giving back to my community,” she says.

While Nicole left home to study inter-



Butternut Mercantile and Coffee Parlour owner Jeny Scarrow, left, chats with Nicole Baumgartner as part of the 30 Days of Summer video series. Baumgartner and her mother Linda of ReMax’s Haliburton real estate team began the project after the success of 15 Days of Winter. Both series, produced by Pasi Posti of Positive Media Productions, have been a big hit with both locals and prospective newcomers. Photo by Pasi Posti

national development and globalization, and then sales and marketing, she returned two and half years ago to join her mother at ReMax.

“I fought as long as I could,” she says, “then I realized, there’s no place like home.”

The women don’t pretend to be actors. There are no props, no scripts.

“We’ve had a few bloopers,” says Nicole. “But as it went on, it was just us. It was just a conversation with us.”

Posti, who moved to Haliburton from Toronto two years ago says he still feels like an explorer. He produced the series with that feeling in mind.

“We wanted it to be kind of like a discovery,” he says, aware that for many of his acquaintances in Toronto who ask – Where’s Haliburton? – the area is still off the radar.

“It almost seems like it’s yet to be discovered,” he says.

After producing 15 Days of Winter and 30 Days of Summer, Posti and the Baum-

gartners hope to play a part in changing that. They see the videos as a way to promote “go local,” especially for businesses with little or no marketing budget, says Posti.

“Supporting local is an all-hands-on-deck effort,” he says.

Concerns that Haliburton County will be spoiled by too much attention is not something they dwell on.

In fact, Linda says, more attention is key to ensuring local treasures thrive.

“I would rather consider Haliburton God’s country than Ontario’s best kept secret,” she says. “If people want to stay and make their livelihood here, and live a quality life, we need to get the message out that this is a special place.”

The video series can be viewed on YouTube by searching for 30 Days of Summer in Haliburton County, the Haliburton Real Estate Team’s Facebook Page, or on www.haliburtonrealestate.on.ca.

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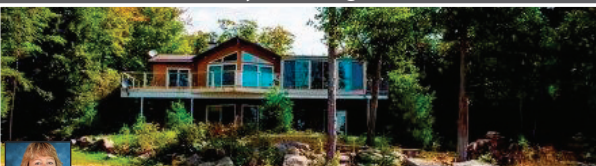
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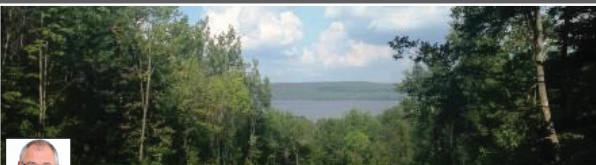
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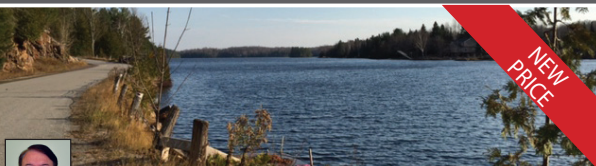
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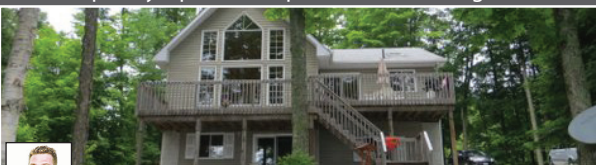
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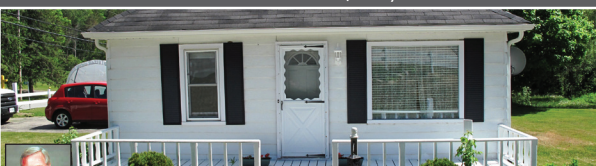
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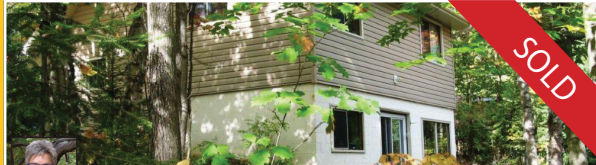
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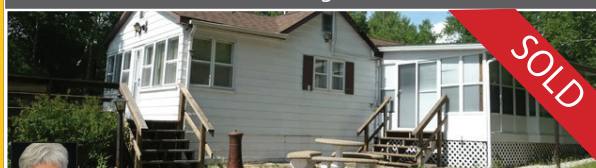
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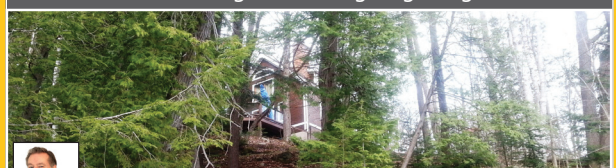
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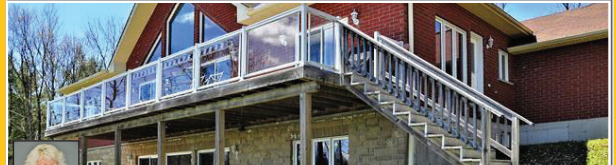
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County council hears renewable energy policy

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Members of Minden Hills's renewable energy task force presented their renewable energy policy to Haliburton County council on July 27 and it seems like before long, the county's other lower-tier townships may be adopting the policy themselves.

Task force member Mike Johnson spoke to councillors at last Wednesday's meeting.

Amid of a deluge of applications for feed-in tariff (FIT) projects last year, Minden Hills council decided to strike a task force to create some kind of framework for assess-

ing project proposals.

Minden Hills council approved that policy in principle on June 2.

The purpose of the policy is not only to establish priorities for the township to consider when reviewing renewable energy projects, but also to encourage local education on renewable energy and create demonstration projects in hopes of promoting renewable energy practises and energy conservation by residents and businesses.

Johnson stressed the intertwined environmental, social and economic benefits of renewable energy.

"The economic issue has great potential for both the townships and the county," he said, referencing recent comments from Bank of England governor Mark Carney

that initiatives to battle climate change represent a multi-trillion-dollar industry.

"Within our four municipalities, we have great works going on," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, adding he'd like to hear presentations from the other three townships about what's going on in those municipalities. "So we don't end up working in silos."

"No one has to re-invent the wheel," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt, who suggested the Minden Hills policy could be passed to the other lower-tier townships to use as a starting point.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested the task force take its presentation to the lower-tier councils.

City of Kawartha Lakes wants more cash from county

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The City of Kawartha Lakes is seeking amendments to its joint service agreement with Haliburton County, amendments that would cost the county an additional \$100,000 or so a year.

Social services and housing for Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes are handled jointly through the latter.

The joint social services and housing advisory committee is recommending the county pay more for housing and for administration costs for the housing portfolio.

"The most significant impacts to the County of Haliburton result from the changes in the housing portfolio," a July 27 report from county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter reads. "In the past, costs were allocated based on each party's proportionate share of the assessed value of the properties. This amendment proposes to allocate costs based on the number of units. It was the opinion of staff that this more closely reflects 'benefit' to each party, and is more appropriate as it is the number of units that actually drives costs. Based on 2016 budget number, this would increase the county's share by \$21,022."

Increased administrative payments for the county would amount to more than \$75,000.

"The proposed amendment also includes a provision for the county to pay a share of administration costs for the housing portfolio," Rutter's report continues. "It is our understanding this has not been the case in the past. The administrative costs are proposed to be cost-shared based on the number of units. Based on the 2016 budget numbers, this would increase the county's share by \$75,766."

Rutter's report did suggest those costs would be mitigated by provincial uploading.

"Staff do not have projected budget numbers for 2017 at this point, but it is expected that the upload of costs by the provincial government will reduce the overall impact of these cost increases substantially," the report reads. "We cannot, however, quantify those impacts at this time."

County councillors want more detail as to where the municipality's share of administration costs would be spent.

"I was there when we did the memorandum of understanding, when the city became the service provider,"

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We'd like to see the numbers. I'd like you to paint more of the picture.

— Brent Devolin

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said during a July 27 council meeting.

That agreement, between Haliburton County and the former Victoria County was first executed in 1999, with the successive agreements or amendments made with the amalgamated City of Kawartha Lakes in 2001, 2006 and 2011.

"I guess it was felt the fairest way to do it was based on assessment and ability to pay," Fearrey said. "I'm not saying it shouldn't change and I'm not saying it's not fair."

What Fearrey wants to see is where the administrative costs would be spent.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin agreed.

"Value paid for services provided and how we get to it is through some level of transparency," Devolin said. "We'd like to see the numbers. I'd like you to paint more of the picture."

There is another joint advisory committee meeting in September and Rutter told councillors a report with further information would likely come forward at council's September meeting.

The county paid approximately \$1.8 million for social services and housing in 2016.

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Carnival pleases crowds



Five-year-old Eden Daley takes a trip down the fun slide at the Haliburton Rotary Carnival. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Rotarians Matt Roberts, left, and Christine Snyman serve up barbecued hotdogs and beef on a bun at the Rotary Carnival on Aug. 3. The day long event included rides, games, food, a parade, fireworks and the car draw. This year's car winners were Paul and Tanya Smith of Haliburton. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Agnes Grigg, left, and Gen Stevenson race around in bumper cars at the Rotary Carnival in Haliburton. JENN WATT Staff



Sisters Olivia Waksdale, left, and Ava Waksdale, enjoy a view from the top at the Rotary Carnival on Aug. 3. The full day event included rides for all ages. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Above, the carnival at night is a world of whirling light. JENN WATT Staff

Left, Haliburton Rotarians Brian Nash, left, and Andrew Hodgson run the popular game Crown and Anchor. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

What's up, dock?

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

So, there I was all decked out in my sleeveless bathing suit, my old arms flapping in the wind like crepe paper still hanging after the

First World War, feeling comfy as could be on Twindle Mumbly's brand spanking new pontoon boat, "Snarf," and loving being moored dockside on Lake WhaddyathinkI mean, don'tcha know. Now, I should have known better than to chat the day away without wearing a hat, because when I got home I looked like a poster child for How Not to Cook a Lobster. Twindle was fine. He had covered himself in so much zinc ointment that the sun bounced right off of him like greased lightning. Sybil Beaucannon Hughes was also smart. She wore a

huge hat, the kind you see other British women wear at a high end horse race or other. Sure she looked a bit odd, but then, Sybil IS odd. As for Vilma Yuccch and her honey, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, why, they were doing the Porpoise dance in the lake, laughing and splashing each other... being in love and not caring a smidge about getting sunburned.

The funny thing about Twindle is ... he's happy just to sit with his friends in his parked pontoon boat at the foot of his dock. In fact, he gets "lake-sick" just thinking about driving it on Lake WhaddyathinkI mean. And we're all happy to join him. We swim and tube off the dock, and sit like spaniels yapping at cottagers who go by.

There's a special dockside bond among folks who have a dock...an easy understanding of what owning, using, and caring for a dock means. Kinda like being a doggy owner. Why, when they walk past each other with their pooch on a leash, it's just natural to smile, chat, and ask: "What's his name?" Or, "What a sweet ol' boy." Or, "Now that's a cute puppy. What breed is he? A Heinz, you say?"

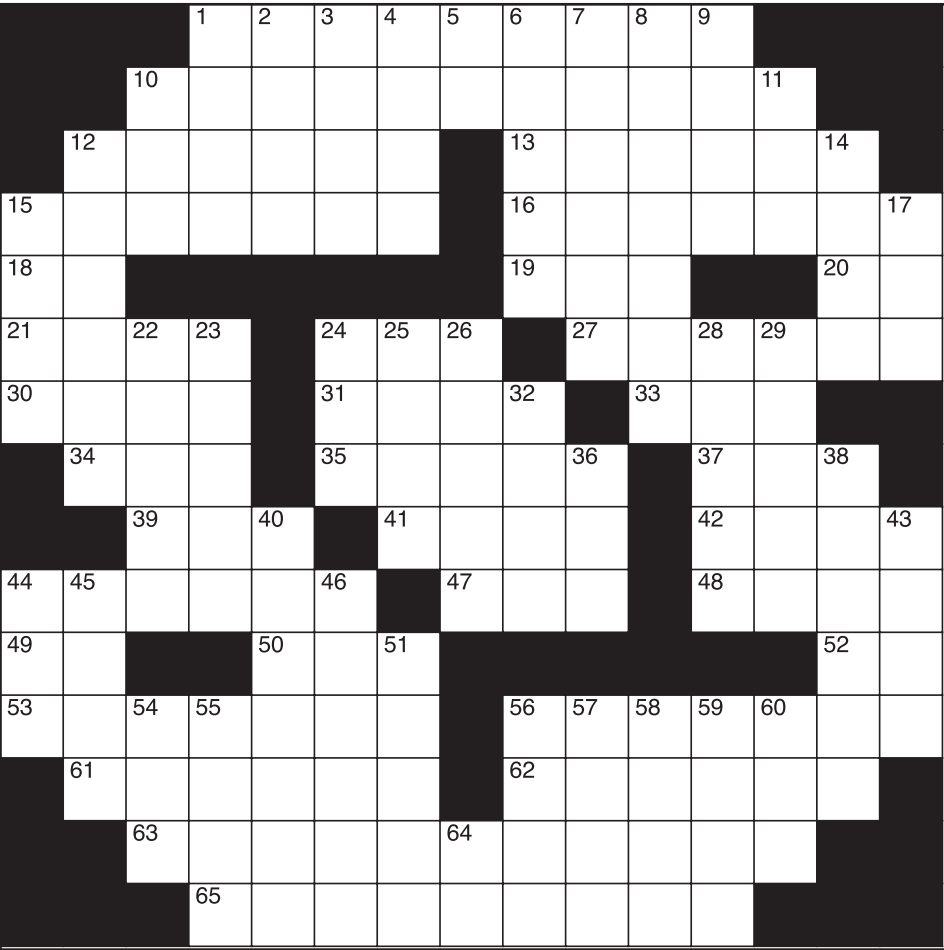
So, maybe you can't pat somebody else's dock, but you and they know what it means to have one, care for it,

and share it with family and friends. You know what it's like to stub your toe on it, to teach your grandkids how to fish off of it, how long it takes for the sun to set, or the moon to grow and wane. You know what it feels like to be out there first thing in the morning, barefoot in your robe, holding a freshly brewed cup of coffee, still half into the dream you woke up with, as a dragon boat or canoe or kayak glides by and strangers wave. Or a loon calls from a distance and your phone rings, you can hear it ringing in your house but you just can't pull yourself away from this moment because this moment will never come again. And it's special. You can't put a price on it. It's everything good, sweet, and beautiful.

Here at the end of your dock is where you want to stay. And you do stay for as long as you can for the rest of the day...and the rest of the summer.

You don't need to own a dock to enjoy one. Like the joy of being a grandparent who loves to spend time with their grandkids ...and then go home without any of the muss or fuss.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Derived from senses
- 10. Extemporaneous
- 12. Japanese religion
- 13. Body louse (slang)
- 15. Most adroit
- 16. Formatted electronic data
- 18. An alternative
- 19. 3rd largest whale
- 20. 6th tone
- 21. Gentlemen
- 24. Car mechanics group
- 27. Breakfast pastry
- 30. Where one sits
- 31. Oh, God!
- 33. Scientific workplace
- 34. No seats available
- 35. MN 55120
- 37. Assistance
- 39. Environmental Protection Agency
- 41. Reconstruct
- 42. Russian ruler
- 44. Female Muslim quarters
- 47. Radioactivity unit
- 48. Window glass
- 49. Atomic #18
- 50. Consume
- 52. The golden state
- 53. Mosquito disease
- 56. Authoritatively ordered
- 61. Yielding
- 62. On all sides
- 63. Br. romantic poet
- 65. Cruel vocal quality

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Irritated state
- 2. Sea eagle

- 3. Fish capturing devices
- 4. An informal photograph
- 5. Old English
- 6. Competes
- 7. Pressed a shirt
- 8. Averse to others
- 9. Mother of Apollo
- 10. Radio frequency
- 11. Have already done
- 12. Baseball championship playoffs World ____
- 14. Snakelike fishes
- 15. Br. slang for sleep
- 17. Telegraphic signal
- 22. More scarce
- 23. Step excavation of ore
- 24. Envision
- 25. A gelling agent in foods
- 26. Impatient expectancy
- 28. Civil Rights group
- 29. 3rd largest Balearic island
- 32. Mama's partner
- 36. Head gesture
- 38. Moved to music
- 40. N. & S. of the new world
- 43. Discern the written word
- 44. Thigh of a hog
- 45. Mures river city
- 46. Crew member
- 51. Liang weight units
- 54. ____ Angeles
- 55. Adrenocorticotropin
- 56. Mend a sock
- 57. Shallowest Great lake
- 58. Gadidae fish
- 59. Area floor coverings
- 60. Point midway between NE and E
- 64. "You know" in Canada

Answers on page 22.



Survival skills

Corina Mansfield of Deep Roots The Strength Within shows matches, as one grouping of items to include in a survival kit at the Wilderness School hosted at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.



Corina Mansfield of Deep Roots The Strength Within holds up a garbage bag, as an example of how it can be used to collect drinking water in addition to it being used to keep warm and dry for survival at the Wilderness School hosted at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Open to children seven and up, the two-hour session teaches survival and navigation skills on Wednesdays until Aug. 31. Cost is \$5 and pre-registration is recommended at info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com or 705-457-2760./DARREN LUM Staff

lake protectors' corner

Keeping house for the ducks

Wood ducks, goldeneyes, mergansers and buffleheads are all cavity nesting ducks – which means they build nests in abandoned woodpecker holes or natural tree cavities caused by disease, fire or lightning. When there are few natural tree cavity nesting sites to choose from, constructed nesting boxes are a welcome sight. But there's a catch. It's a long-term commitment of doing some regular housekeeping. When you put up a nest box you are committing yourself to maintaining that box.

Late winter is the best time to install nest boxes to attract cavity nesting ducks in the spring. It's also the best season to clean and maintain them, which involves removing old nesting material, tightening loose hardware, and adding new wood shavings. Maintenance is important for three very good reasons:

1. So the ducks come back! Studies have shown that there are more nests, eggs and ducklings produced in clean nest boxes that in those not cleaned of old nesting material. Since wood duck hens tend to return to places where they successfully nested in the past, it makes sense for them to prefer reliable, clean places to hatch their young.

2. Reduce disease risks. Removing old nesting material reduces the likelihood of Myiasis infection – a parasitic maggot that poses no threat to humans but that can infect newly hatched ducklings. Myiasis

can infect other bird species using the box as well. Removing the old nesting material rids the box of overwintering pupae and reduces risk of infection in newly-hatched birds in the spring.

3. Help with waterfowl conservation. Maintaining and inspecting nest boxes and submitting survey cards (where this monitoring program is in place) helps DUC and other organizations determine waterfowl success and direct future conservation efforts.

With great responsibility comes great reward. When ducks find a good nesting site, there is a very good chance they'll return in following years. Check out our new YouTube video series for instruction on proper assembly, installation and maintenance of your nest boxes.

Ducks Unlimited offers a series of instructional videos on duck boxes on YouTube. Search "Ducks Unlimited Canada" to find their channel.

Article adapted from one by Ducks Unlimited Canada.

To hear more useful information for lake lovers, tune in to Canoe FM to hear Highlands Cottage, a segment with news from cottagers' associations, environmental topics and cottage living tips. It runs Friday at 4:30 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Article provided by CHA. For more information, resources and tips, go to www.cohpoa.org.

Lake Calendar

To include your lake association's events in this free listing, email them to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Kids Bingo

Starts Tuesday July 12 7 p.m., ends Tuesday Aug. 16
Location: HLCA Hall, 5041 Haliburton Lake Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Rock Bass Fishing Derby

Starts: Sunday, July 24, ends Sunday, Aug. 14
weigh in 12 to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Public Beach South End Haliburton Lake, Hodgson Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottage Association

Fort Irwin Residents Association Pancake Breakfast

Date: Saturday Aug. 20, 9 a.m. to noon,
sumptuous breakfast of pancakes and sausages, juice and coffee or tea
Location: FIRA Hall, 5821 Haliburton Lake Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Cottage Succession Seminar

When: Sunday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Irondale Community Centre
This event is free to members of FOCA and the Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers' Association, or \$10 at the door for non-members. Featuring Peter Lillico – Estate Planning Lawyer ~ "If your goal is to keep your family in the cottage for future generations, my goal is to help you

develop an agreement to secure a lasting and successful succession, avoid family friction and to prevent 'For Sale' signs sprouting." and learn how to "Keep the 'Family' in the Family Cottage" Please pre-register with FOCA to secure your space: info@foca.on.ca or call 705-749-3622
Submitted by Salerno Lake Association

SLACAR'S Annual Corn Roast

When: Saturday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m.
Where: 1257 Hamilton Road
Open to all SLACAR members their family and friends
Games and prizes for the kids
Submitted by South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents

Golf Day/ Lunch-Drag & Spruce Lakes

Location: Haliburton Golf Course (* please check website for changes)
Date: Saturday, Sept. 3 \$45
Time: 10 a.m.
As usual - cost Includes cart, nine holes, lunch and prizes!
Call Wayne Hussey 705 457-2892 to register.
(The usual trophies plus a special prize for best family score!)
Please check our website (<http://dragandsprucelakes.ca/>) in case there are changes to times, locations or events.
Submitted by Drag & Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association

Notice



Call for Proposals

**Workforce Development Board –
Local Employment Planning Council is now
seeking proposals for the following projects:**

**Research & Innovation Project:
Employability Skills Gap**

**Integrated Planning Project: Alignment of Economic and
Workforce Development Priorities, Strategies and Resources**

**Service Coordination for Employers Project: Recruitment and
Planning Resources Support for Small-to-Medium Enterprises**

**Best Practices & Promising Approaches Project:
Economic Development Best Practices**

For submission instructions, please go to
www.wdb.ca/lepc-call-for-proposals
OR email us at workforce@wdb.ca.

**Deadline for submissions is 16:30 EDT
on August 26, 2016.**

This project is funded in part by the
Government of Canada and the
Government of Ontario



Municipality of Dysart et al

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FORM 6
Municipal Act, 2001

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

**THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY,
HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE**

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 25, 2016, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Description of Lands:

Roll No. 46 24 040 000 11400 0000; PIN 39146-0111(LT); Lot 23 Plan 580; Dysart et al.
File No. 15-02

Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,707.14

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the **Municipality of Dysart et al** and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes, HST if applicable and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit www.dysartetal.ca or if no internet access available, contact:

Cindy Watson
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New building going up at Medeba

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Stuart and Jackie Wilson are back at Medeba in time to see the beginnings of the new two-storey accommodation being built which will now house many activities with the attendant facilities.

St. Peter's Anglican Church is welcoming you to their Tartan Tea on Saturday, Aug. 13, starting at 11:30 a.m. The food is scrumptious and served with a smiling and gracious touch.

Some of our down east family arrived on Saturday afternoon from Truro.

George, Shireen and daughter Daphne are staying at the Red Umbrella Inn till mid week before attending the Rainboros convention in Burlington on this following weekend.

Monarch Bible Camp held annually at the West Guilford Baptist Church took place on the first week in July with attendance of 40 youngsters. Many activities as well as scripture teaching and music held the interest of all concerned. Enthusiastic instructors and leaders ensure the popularity of this event from year to year.

Euchre Scores:

High: Millie Pagne and Henk van Nood

Low: Shirley Johnston and Rod Smyth

Most Lone Hands: Cliff Davison and Liz Jesseman



Wildlife in Your Backyard

John Bordignon sent in this photo of a female ruby-throated hummingbird at a hollyhock flower. If you have a nature photo you'd like to submit, email jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

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UPCOMING
Community
Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Wild About Nature, Tee Up for the Trust Golf Tournament.

When: August 11
Where: Pinestone Golf Club
Early bird registrations must be in by June 21. Robert Bateman will be a special guest at the dinner.
Haliburton Highlands Land Trust
Minden & District Horticultural Society 37th Annual flower Show "Carnival of colours"
When: Friday August 12, 7 pm-9pm, Opening ceremonies at 7:15 pm Saturday August 13, 10 am - 4 pm
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Park Street, Minden
Admission is \$7.00 and includes refreshments and lots of door prizes.

Campfire Concert Series with David Archibald and Three Musketeers Youth Musical Group

Presented by Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation
When: Saturday, August 13th, 2016, 2:00 PM special children's concert, 7:30PM Evening Concert with campfire, beer garden
Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre .
Cost: By Donation. Children are free at the 2:00 concert. Bring your lawn chairs, sit back and be entertained Canadian singer/songwriter David Archibald as he sings about Canada including songs about our county. Find out more at www.davidarchibald.com. There will also be a special performance the youth musical group The Three Musketeers. A beer garden will be in operation during the evening concert. All proceeds will support Minden Hills Cultural Centre Programming.

Highland Tea

When: Sat. Aug. 13th 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake
A Highlands Tea Room is available featuring an old fashioned Scottish Tea, homemade scones, strawberry jam, dainty sandwiches & sweets with Gluten Free available too!
Adults \$10.00, children 4-12 \$4.00, children under 4 free
Visitors can shop for handmade crafts, knitting & attic treasures. We are also featuring Sharon Luke of Highland Treasures featuring items made with our own Haliburton Tartan.

Yard Sale - North Entrance Masonic Lodge

When: Saturday August 13th, 8am - 2pm
Where: 20 George Street, Haliburton
The Lodge will also be open and Masons will be available to answer any questions that you may have about Freemasonry.

Attention all Cat Lovers, Bobcaygeon Friends of the Ferals (Cats)

Holding Annual Yard Sale
When: August 13th, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Where: 19 William St.
All donations gratefully accepted
With thanks, Call: Dorothy 705-738-3337

Anniversary Celebrations

When: Monday August 15 begins 7:00 PM
Where: Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum on lawn by lake
Corn/wiener roast with anniversary cake to celebrate decades of work by Outpost nurses, 24 years as a museum and 13 years as a National Historic Site of Canada
Outpost Museum 705 448 3000 or Hilda 705 448 2018

Red Cross show, studio tour this weekend

Notice

NOTICE
(Applicant - IDIENS/VASSALLO)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Monday, the 12th day of September, 2016**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 3, Concession 13, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP, OLS., dated June 14, 2015.**

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of August, 2016.

**IRENE S. COOK, CMO
CLERK/CEMC**
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
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NOTICE
(Applicant - SMITH)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE AND ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF ESSON LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Monday, the 12th day of September, 2016**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY

Part of Lot 24, Concession 16 designated as Road Allowance on Registered plan 409, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **CT. STRONGMAN SURVEYING LTD., dated December 10, 2015.**

SECONDLY

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 24, Concession 16, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **CT STRONGMAN SURVEYING LTD., dated December 10, 2015.** (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of August, 2016.

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The annual Memorial Service at the historic Essonville church is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21. Special music is planned.

For your pleasure the Esson Lake Jazz Festival is coming up this Saturday evening Aug. 13. Thanks to Anne and David Watson for continuing to host this special event.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Wilberforce United Church all are welcome to an ecumenical jazz service. It will begin at 11 a.m.

"Art of a Red Cross Nurse," a show of some of the creative works of the late Gertrude LeRoy Miller, will open Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Outpost Museum. Drop in that evening between 7 and 8 p.m. The show may be of interest to those visiting local studios during the Highlands East Studio Tour the next two weekends. For lack of display space this show of Gertrude's work will be considerably smaller than an earlier one held in 1995. Photos from that show will be on display.

Congratulations and appreciation is extended to all who organized, carried out and supported the 33rd annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair. Though the late Friday afternoon downpour brought much needed rain and left a few muddy spots on the fairgrounds the good weather returned to everyone's delight.

So many activities that appealed to different age and interest groups were available. The new tractor parade and the cake walks were enjoyed as were old favourites such as the horse drawn wagon rides around the village, scarecrow making, nail driving and the model railway Mark's pole lathe let folks experience early wood turning techniques.

The Lions Club kept the burgers and other refreshments well supplied. Also available on the grounds were ice cream and corn on the cob. All with great live entertainment.

Good to see some excellent entries in the homecraft section. Fine examples of garden produce, preserves, baking, floral and potted plants, along with the well crafted knit, crocheted, sewn, quilted and other creative art pieces. They are the traditional heart of the fair as are farm animals, which were fewer this year. The most popular seemed to be the Holland horses pulling the wagon! Lots of entries by children and youth.

Volunteers as always make these events successful.

The Whiskey Jack's Stories and Sounds of Stompin' Tom at the Lloyd Watson Centre last Saturday night was a great show by seven talented musicians. With voices, fiddle, guitars, bass, harmonica and drums they enchanted the crowd with music and great tales of a much admired Canadian musician. They are keeping Tom Connors in the memories and hearts of Canadians as he spent years making sure Canadians treasured all things Canadian. We heard of a bit about Hank Snow, cheered for Sudbury Saturday Night, Bud the Spud and Tillsonburg, rose up for the anthem Hockey Night in Canada and wanted to dance to the Maritime Waltz. And loved their rendition of Anne Murray's Snow Bird during the much appreciated encore. Long live the Maritimers! Yeah Skinner's Pond.

Thanks to Carol and all the Bark Lake group for bringing this show to Wilberforce.

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Three generations of Scouts come home

ANGELA LONG

Staff Reporter

The signs begin after a few kilometres of dirt road bordered by forest: Please report all mosquito sightings. Who cut the cheese? Speak now or forever hold your pee. Eighty-one-year-old Ted Morris knows the signs well. For more than 60 years he has travelled along Kennaway Road, past the line where the cottages stop and the wilderness begins, where the gates of Haliburton Scout Reserve beckon.

"You're looking at three generations here," he says gesturing across the green picnic table toward his two sons and grandson, "and we still read the signs. We still remember signs that were up in the middle of last century."

Ted remembers many things about HSR from the middle of last century. He remembers a train ride from Toronto to what's now the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. He remembers being piled into the backs of trucks with other members of Scouts Canada and all their luggage, bouncing along the narrow, twisty road, dust rising. But then they'd see the signs. They'd laugh. They'd know they were almost there, at the camp of nearly 5,000 acres and 11 lakes. A camp purchased by the Toronto Scout District in 1946 with a down payment of \$25 for \$3.75 an acre. The biggest Scout camp in Canada. The third largest in North America.

Today, a small yellow sign on the trunk of a pine greets the thousands of Scouts and visitors from all over the world – Ireland, America, Dubai – whose journey leads them through the front gates of HSR: Welcome Home.

"My son Rick took a look at that sign today and he said, yes, that's how it feels. He'd felt like he'd come home," says Ted.

For decades, three generations of Morris have called HSR home at one point or another. In 1953, when HSR was called Camp Kennabi, Ted was assigned quartermaster.

Next it was Rick's turn, working his way through the Scouting ranks to work as staff-in-training (called IT in Scouting circles) at HSR in 1979. Two years later, James, now a Troop Scouter with the 101st Toronto Scout Group, worked in the kitchen. Now James's son Luca joins the ranks, IT since the beginning of July. In two days, he'll turn 16.

The older Morris launch into stories about building dock cribbing with chainsaws while in their bathing suits, heating rocks on a fire to create canvas tents filled with steam, paddling out into the middle of the lake and shining flashlight beams into the sky, learning about constellations: "When this beam gets there in 82 years, that's Sagittarius," the star guide said.

Luca says, "I'm still trying to make stories."



After more than 60 years, the members of the Morris family have a firm grip on the oars of Haliburton Scout Reserve history. Rick Morris, left, Ted Morris, James Morris and Luca Morris have each risen through the ranks of Scouts Canada to work at the HSR at one point in time. HSR, which opened in 1947 as Camp Kennabi, is the biggest Scouts Canada semi-wilderness camp in the nation. ANGELA LONG Staff

Camp Ranger Kevin Bell says this is the first tri-generational connection he's seen since he took the reins nearly 20 years ago. But he's not surprised. HSR is the kind of place that hooks people.

"There's two different kinds of people," he says. "There's people that come and they're hooked right away. Or there's people that go, 'oh, this is pretty, where next?' It's usually one or the other. They're either in for life, or they're not."

Ted Morris was so hooked he bought a cottage a 15-minute drive from HSR, passing down his love of Scouts like a family heirloom.

"We grew up through Scouts," says Rick. "Dad always talked about the Scout Reserve."

Beyond the picnic table, motorboats ferry supplies across Kennabi Lake. Yesterday was changeover day. Hundreds of campers (the camp can accommodate up to 600) are out there, setting up tents, brushing up on their canoeing skills. Lakes are the highways of HSR with most sites – Big Bear, Chippewa Point, Pirate's Cove – only accessible by boat.

But being a scout is about more than knowing how to J-stroke, or tie a reef knot, or start a campfire. To be a scout means to be a part of a not-for-profit international co-educational (since 2012) organization with more than 100,000 members in Canada and programming in 19 languages, including Farsi, Estonian, and Tagalog. For years, as membership decreased, Scouts tried to redefine themselves. In 2010, for-

mer chief commissioner of Scouts Canada Stephen Kent was quoted by *The Globe and Mail* as saying, "I tell people all the time we're not your father's or grandfather's Boy Scouts. The world has changed and we've evolved with the times as well."

Camp Ranger Bell, with his tattoos and Harley parked beside his cabin, breaks all stereotypes of the goody-goody Boy Scout. A Scout since the early '80s, he was part of the old school, he says, but embraces the new. The reason Scouts has been able to evolve and increase membership in recent years, he says, is because its power lies beyond teaching outdoor skills.

"You go play soccer and you can learn how to be a good soccer player," Bell says. "You go to Scouts and learn how to be a better person."

James stresses that Scouts is a "values-based" program. They're values that grow with you, stay with you. They're values that are "brought forward into our families," he says, forming the essence of what makes Scouts intergenerational.

"Years later when you're talking to people about their childhoods, they'll say 'I played soccer, I played hockey.' They list their activities. But then they say 'I am a Scout.' It becomes part of how you define yourself, not a thing that you do."

Luca watches his father speak. Listens. Even though he didn't have much "decision-making power" when he became a Beaver at the age of five, he has "chosen not to exit," he says. Like his grandfather, father and uncle before him, he's learning

how to live in the wilderness for an entire summer, teaching younger Scouts sailing, rappelling, archery. He's learning how to be part of a tight-knit, "clique-free" community.

But most importantly, his grandfather says, "he's learning to do what we're doing right now, which is talking around the table."

Bell, his sons, Luca – all agree that sitting around a table chatting for an hour on a summer's day is more important than it looks. Why?

Ted doesn't hesitate. "I'll say one word," he pauses. "Communion. It's a religious word but it's also a social word. You take time to refresh yourself. And when you take time at the table you're not only refreshing your body, you're refreshing your mind and your soul. Ideas are important to ingest."

As camp ranger, Bell has watched the transformation of campers in their off-the-grid campsites as they ingest the idea of life without iPhones and Xboxes.

"After a few days," he says, "they start to see things differently. They start to seek out stimulus the way we used to seek it out – people."

IT come and go from the administration office, chatting as they pass. Scouts in red canoes paddle up and down Kennabi Lake, their voices echoing.

Their voices continue outside the gates, along Kennaway Road, with signs pointing the way.

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Parade marks summer tradition

Above, Haliburton's Silver Flutes rounded out the parade on Aug. 3.
Top left, dancing in leggings and long-sleeved tops couldn't have been easy in the 30 degree heat on Wednesday, but members of Haliburton Dance Academy did it anyway, keeping spectators on their feet.
Middle, Ann Knight and Lynn Goldman ride miniature horses down main street. Winning floats at the parade: Commercial Entry: first went to Haliburton Timber Mart and second to South Algonquin Trail Rides. Non-Commercial: first went to Haliburton Dance Academy and second to Haliburton Scout Reserve. JENN WATT Staff



Eric Lilius keeps the beat at the drum circle beside Rails End Gallery on a sweltering Aug. 3. The drummers played throughout the parade, which ended on York Street.



The Scout Reserve had a space age theme. This little astronaut holds up a sign on human finger repair.



In celebration of the new Ghostbusters movie, Brandon Bailey assembled this incredible costume. Besides wearing it to see the movie, he also rode in the Rotary Parade.



The Scout Reserve always offers humour during the Rotary Parade.



Visitors to Haliburton Kirill Koluzanov and Nicole Rose Bond joined in the drum circle at the Rails End Gallery before the parade started on Aug. 3. Bond was working at the college for the week.

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I often speak your name
All I have are memories
And your pictures
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Your memory
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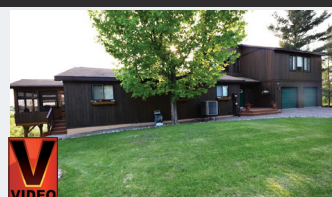
All season, spacious custom 2 storey for entertaining large families or friends. Over 3200sf, 4BR, covered deck front & back. Over 4 ac & 220 ft of shoreline facing west with excellent swimming.
\$589,000

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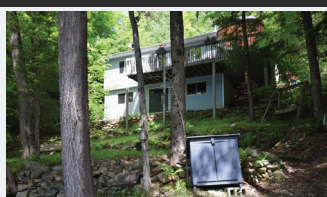
Spacious 4BR on gentle lot w/beautiful 100 ft shoreline. Sunken LR, brick fp, gorgeous sun-room overlooking the lake. Finished lower level w/2BR, & another FP. Paved yr rnd road.
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BEECH LAKE



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\$359,000

HALIBURTON LAKE



Level lot with cottage and bunkie. Traditional 3BR cottage with open concept living area, screen room. Large bunkie, Sand beach, lovely location, clean and well maintained.
\$329,000

HALIBURTON LAKE



3BR cottage on perfectly level west facing lot, close to water's edge. Spacious screen porch for sunset enjoyment. Walking distance to park, waiting for the right family.
\$309,000

ISLAND COTTAGING - REDSTONE LAKE



2BR with so much warmth & character. Very well maintained, large deck, upgrades, fantastic shoreline & super island community.
\$247,500

NORTH SHORE ROAD



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\$229,900

TRAPPERS TRAIL HOME



Family bungalow 10 min east of Haliburton. Close to lake access. 3 BR, full basement with great potential. Level lot, rock gardens, deck, patio.
\$209,000

BRADY LAKE AREA



3 Bedrm home, sunporch, unfinished bsmt, FAO heat, drilled well, septic. Great location for ATV/ snowmobiling. Large sunny lot. Not far from boat launch.
\$165,000

BUCKSLIDE ROAD



2 bedrm starter home close to Carnarvon, Kushog Lake & snowmobile trail. Level, treed 1 acre lot. Sun porch, drilled well, septic.
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